Mechanic's Advocate

A WEEKLY PAPER, DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKINGMAN, AND THE ELEVATION OF LABOR.

JOHN TANNER, — Honor and Shame from no condition rise; Act well your part, there all the Honor lies. — EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

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Three Great and Destructive Fires!

50 BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

Our readers must excuse our appearance this week, we have got out all the paper we have been able to do under the circumstance. We have been a sufferer by *two* conflagrations. The first turned our family into the street, and the second knocked our office into *pi;* we shall try and arrange matters so as to resume our regular day of publication next week; in the mean time we trust our friends will lend a helping hand, and assist us, so far at least, as paying up arrearages is concerned.

The first fire broke out about four o'clock on Monday afternoon in a shed rear of Nathan Stark's residence corner of church and Westerlo sts. The wind was blowing very strong from the west, and in a few minutes the three story brick dwelling of Mr. Stark's was in flames. It spread on all sides with fearful speed, and before it was arrested, about thirty buildings were burnt and nearly $100,000 worth of property destroyed. The whole neighborhood was in great consternation while the flames were sweeping everything in its way. A large store house of Mr. Bogert on the Dock, three blocks away, was all on fire, the destruction of all the buildings in the line of the fire quite to the river seemed inevitable. The occupants of at least 3[illegible] buildings that escaped removed their furniture in the utmost haste and confusion, and thus lose a great deal by breakage.

The loss by this fire was immense and at least sixty families have not a place to lay their heads. The almost superhuman exertions of the Firemen saved a

The Free Protestant Missionary Chrch, adjoining on the East, E. LEAHEY, Pastor. Entirely destroyed. Cost originally $6000. Insured $2000 i the Firemens' and $2000 in the Albany Insurance Cos of this city.

Two 2 story brick dwellings east, owed by MORRIS MCGRAW. Insured $1600 in the Firemen's Insurance Co., Albany.

Large 2 story brick dwelling corner Westerlo and Church streets, owned by N. W. STARKS. Insured $2000 in the Albany Insurance Co. M. Starks saved his furniture, which was insured. Building destroyed.

Nos. 7, 9, 11 and 13, 2 story brick dwellings on Westerlo, owned by M. CLARK, were repeatedly on fire, but not seriously damaged. Occupants all moved out.

On Church street.—Two story brick building, south of French's, owned by THOS. HOFFMAN, and occupied by him as a Porter House and German Boarding House. Furniture saved. Building insured.

Two story brick building south, and frame building in the rear, owned by JOHN CORRIGAN, and occupied by him and two other families. We heard that he was insured.

Two story frame dwelling, filled in with brick, owned and occupied by JOHN LANGDON—insured $600 in Albany Insurance Co. Loss greater.

Frame building in the rear, owned by LANGDON, occupied by a family, and insured $100 in Albany Insurance Co.

Three story brick dwelling and store, cor. Church and John street, owned and occupied by PATRICK MURPHY. Goods and furniture saved. Two months ago, he was insured $1700 in Firemen's Insurance Co. but we learn the policy was not renewed.

On John street.—On the south side six frame dwellings and a bake house were destroyed. Three of the buildings and the bakery belonged to Mrs. MARY BRADFORD, and were insured $875—$600 in the Albany, and 275 in the Firemen's Insurance Companies. The other three were owned by the estate of Mrs. French and were said to be insured.

On the north side, three or four 2 story frame dwellings were destroyed. We did not learn the names of the occupants. One of them was owned by JOSEPH COURTNEY, and insured in the Firemen's Insurance Company $200.

On Dallius street.—Large two story brick dwelling and store, owned and occupied by JOS. COURTNEY. The building was saved in a damaged state, and the goods got out. The goods and building were insured $1600 in the Firemens.

Double frame building on the north, owned by JOS. COURTNEY, and occupied by two families. This was destroyed—partly burnt and partly pulled down. We believe it was insured.

The two story brick dwelling, owned and occupied by S. GROSS, and insured. Damaged badly, but not destroyed.

On the Quay, above Westerlo, a four story unoccupied brick store house, ignited by cinders, was destroyed. Owned by Capt. BOGART—not insured.

While the firemen were engaged in getting under the fire in Westerlo street, another one broke out in Green street, in the paint shop of Mr. Alden. From the combustible materials about the premises, it swept with the velocity of thought, almost enveloping the adjoining buildings in flames.

The neighborhood was surrounded with frame buildings, and they were swept away almost instantly, without giving the occupants a chance to remove their property. We never saw a fire rage so fearfully.

On Green street.—Mr. Alden's paint shop and Clark's stove store, Duesler's tailor shop, Jennings meat store, Mix & Thornton's paint shop, and Brooks stove store all destroyed, and we think not one of them saved a hundred dollars. The two story dwelling occupied by Mrs. Van Zandt und Geo. Hanford, next door occupied by Mrs. Haskell, and the adjoining two story brick dwelling occupied by Mr. Crehean and Mr. Chapman, and owned by Geo. Hepinstall. Here the fire was arrested.

South side of Green street.—Mr. Churchill, gunsmith; Dr. Markey; Mr. Paul, barber; Holbrook, shoemaker; L'Arvee, barber; Boyd & Co., milliners; Blair & Co., upholsters; Miss Wyman, children's clothing store; Miss. Laws, do.; Joseph Gaul, optician; Miss McHarg and several other families. The fire was arrested here.

On Beaver street.—South side, Churchill, dwelling, Mr. Stilwell, Mr. Gladding's paint shop, Mr. Kirkpatrick's grocery, David Osterhout, John Dutton, Mr. Kissam, Mr. Banker, Mr. A'herel and Mr. McKey, Mr. Smith and Mr. Lord. All the above buildings were three story brick. In the rear was Swaim & Muir's billiard saloon, which was totally destroyed.

In Beaver, above Green st., Mr. R. H. Pease's new four story building was badly damaged, and Dr. Wyckoff's Church narrowly escaped. It was on fire twice, but was finally preserved.

The fire in Beaver street was arrested at Whitney & Cluet's fire-proof store.

In Hudson street nearly every family moved their household wares.

On Broadway also, several stores packed up and dragged out.

Broadway and State street was blocked up with beds, bedding and furniture.

HOPES OF THE FUTURE.

This may truly be called an age of progression. The human intellect throughout the civilized world appears to be struggling with astonishing energy to burst assunder the chains that have for so many ages bound the masses in servitude to the few. The hatches which have been battened down upon the millions, by those upon the quarter deck, begin to loosen and tremble. Never has there gleamed a light so golden of promise as now. Helots, slaves, plebians, serfs, villians, *sans-culottes*, and all the many appellations that have heretofore designated the hewers of wood and drawers of water; the producers of wealth and the strength of the nations will soon be heard of no more, and but one epithet be applied to men of all classes and all creeds—that of brother.

The frequent Lien Laws, Homestead Exemption Laws, Ten Hour Laws, and other measures of a similar character, introduced into our State Legislatures, prove that the multitude are no longer satisfied to grope their way in want and incessant toil, without daring to lift their eyes to the stern form of Oppression that has presided over them for so many centuries, in awful yet misty grandeur. Great minds, gifted with more moral power than kings possess of physical might, impelled by the purest philanthropy, and gifted with the most indomitable courage, are springing up throughout the world, to improve, strengthen and bless mankind with true knowledge. Society is now rich in many possessions—of employment, learning, amusement and comfort. They will no longer be confined to the few—interdicted to the many, by the immense sums they have heretofore cost, and the immense quantity of labor to obtain them.

Capitol will not hereafter be considered the most valuable quota contributed to the common stock; skill, ingenuity, character and numbers will claim their due

importance. The most inglorious position that a human being can be placed in, and one that proves most the inequality of society, as present organized—an industrious, Worthy mechanic, seeking work, and unable to obtain it—will, we hope soon, very soon, cease to exist. Thousands have heretofore stood idle because they could find none to hire them, and thousands have toiled their whole lives for a mere subsistance—their intellects are barren for want of culture—their limbs distorted, and their bodies emaciated by the peculiar character of their labor—and when the natural comparison of their fate with that of those who hire them and live in splendor, from their wretchedness, has driven all hope from their bosoms, the jail and the execution, end the sad chapter of wrongs.—"Instruct—employ—don't hang them," should be the motto of every enlightened mind.

There need be no fear, no hesitation in giving to all men the full amount of their rights. The history of the world, every revolution in any country, proves that the more privileges, the more freedom the masses enjoy, and the happier their condition, the less injury have they inflicted upon society, when they raise and for a time seize the whole power of a State. It is only when they are crushed to the earth by oppression, and tyranny has deprived them of all the blessings of just government, that they rush into those frightful excesses that characterized the French revolution.

☞ The Vote on the Ten Hour Bill.

AYES.—E. C. Benedict, Isaac Benedict Bowen, Bowie, Brewer, Brigham, Calhoun, Campbell, Charlock, Chase, Church, Cross, Davis, Ellmore, Garrison, Haslett, Hazen, Heaton, Hull, Irish, Keith, Little, Maxson, Meech, Myers, Osborn, Palmer, Parker, E. W. Peck, Pheonix, Pruyn, Rodman, Saunders, Schermerhorn, Spencer, Stewart, Stevens, Toll, Treadway, Truesdell, Underhill, Wager, Walsh, Wheeler, Willet, J. V. Peck, Winslow.—47

NAYS.—Ashley, Bailey, Beach, Brinkerhoof, Brother, Buck, Bush, Case, Chamberlain, Cheney, Chipman, Chubb, Collins, Comstock, Converse, Crocker, Curtis, Fenn, Feeter, Fisk Goodrich, Hurd, Jessup, J. G. Johnson, Kennedy, Lapham, Martin, Mattice, Merry, Miller, Nowlan, Parsons, Payn Pray, Ransom, Rapelje, Raymond, Richards, Rose, Sheldon, Wessel, S. Smith, W. Sydney Smith, Sneden, Spaulding, Thompson, Tuthill, West.—47.

ABSENTEES.—Bowman, Brooks, Butrick, Cobb, Coe, Dennison, Dox, Gay, Glass, Grant, Hammond, Hollister, Holmes, Houston, M. Johnson, M. H. Johnson, Kendall, Lee, McCarty, Matthias, Mersereau, Pardee, Pettit, Reamer, Severance, Slade, L. Smith, Speaker, Titus, Totten, Townsend, Upham, Vincent, Weeks.—34.

☞ The Union Magazine for May is truly a rich No. and fully sustains the high character it has attained.

Our old friend Cook, of the Broadway News Depot, is the Agent for Albany and vicinity. This will insure its early receipt here.

THE RIP VAN WINKLE.—This beautiful Steam Palace is once more upon the waters, with her "No Monopoly" banner streaming in the breeze. The travelling public are largely indebted to this boat for a reduction of fare upon the Hudson, and trust they will not forget it.

☞ We should like to know, wether the "leave of abscence" had not *expired*, which had been granted to Mr. TITUS of New York, before the vote was taken on the Ten Hour Bill. It will be perceived that *his* name is among the absentees. Honor to "the Father of the boy".

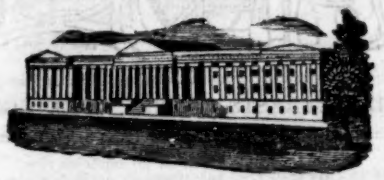
☞ We congratulate the inhabitants of Onondaga county on having at least three *honest* representatives, Messrs. HAZEN, LITTLE and SPENCER. We should like to know something of the character of Mr. *Hurd*, he voted against the Ten Hour Bill.

☞ Bro. H. HOWARD, of Lockport will accept our thanks for several additions to our subscription list.—Also Bro. BARTLETT, of Oswego.

☞ We have on hand about a cord of communications, they will appear in our next.

☞ *Our weekly "List of Patents," contains every new Patent, Re-issue, and Design, eminating from the Patent Office, and is prepared expressly for this paper, and forwarded from the Department weekly. We have also a correspondent located in Washington, who will keep us advised of all matters of interest to Inventors and Patentees.*

List of Patents



Issued from the U. S. Patent Office,

For the week ending April 18, 1848.

To Lucius Stebbins, of Hartford, Conn., for improvement in operating brakes for cars. Patented April 18, 1848. Ante-dated October 18, 1847.

To Ezekiel B. Foster, of the Northern Liberties, Pa. for improvement in plates for stencilling. Patented April 18, 1848.

To Jules Porie, of New Orleans, La., for improvement in Filters. Patented April 18, 1848.

To Mansah Alden, of Relston, Pa., for improvement in Blowers for Furnaces. Patented April 18, 1848.

To Isaac Woodcock, of Worcester, Mass., for improvement in hanging bodies of two wheeled carriages. Patented April 18, 1848.

To Lucius Evans, of Fayetteville, N. Y, for improvement in Springs for closing doors. Patented April 18, 1848.

To James S. Grimes, of Lansingburgh, N. Y., for improvement in combining lanterns and lamps. Patented April 18, 1848.

To Elias Knaur, of Valley Forge, Pa., and Samuel Beaver, Jr., of Great Valley, Pa., for improvement in Grain Driers. Patented April 18, 1848.

To James R. Stafford, of Cleveland, Ohio, for improvement in Grain Driers. Patented April 18, 1848.

To David Boardman, of Mount Vernon, N. H., for improvement in organ pipes. Patented April 18, 1848.

To Lemuel S. Talbot, of Taunton, Mass., for improvement in Hinges for sustaining, opening, closing, and fastening window blinds. Patented April 18, 1848.

To Lewis Moore, of Bart township, Pa., for improvement in Seed Planters. Patented April 18, 1848.

To Larnerd F. Markham, of Cambridgeport, Mass., for improvement in machinery for Trimming Books. Patented April 18, 1848.

To James R. Stafford, of Cleveland, Ohio, for improvement in Grain Driers. Patented April 18, 1848.

To Russell L. Hawes, of Worcester, Mass., for improvement in Printing Paper Hangings. Patented April 18, 1848.

RE-ISSUE.

To Timothy D. Jackson, and Alfred Judson, of Rochester, N. Y., Judson assignor to Jackson, and Jackson assignor to Jacob V. D. Wyckoff, of New York City, for improvement in Bell machinery for Hotels.—Patented October 17, 1846; renewed April 18, 1848.

DESIGN.

To Elisha P. Penniman, assignor to William H. Cheney, of Rochester, N. Y., for design for stoves. Patented April 18, 1848.

TWO IMPORTANT BILLS DEFEATED.

The bill to incorporate the Syracuse Railroad has been lost in our Legislature. The bill to regulate the hours of labor has also been lost.—*Scientific American.*

The above is the summary manner in which the *Scientific American* disposes of the defeat of the Ten Hour Bill. It strikes us that the editor of that print might, at least, have expressed his disapprobation of the course of those who voted against the Bill, or *dodged* when the vote was taken. But circumstances alter cases, we suppose. When the editor of that print was in our employ, he could have written pages on the subject, but now he disposes of the matter in *one line!* "The bill to regulate the hours of labor has also been lost."

Registers for Protections always on hand made from the best materials and ruled according to the system now in use—at $1 25 per Register.
H. R. HOFFMAN, No. 71 State st. Albany.

Mechanics Cheap Clothing Store.—H. W. Allen would respectfully inform the Mechanics of the city of Albany, and the public generally, that he keeps constantly on hand at his wholesale and retail clothing emporium, No. 425 Broadway, a large assortment of seasonable and serviasable clothing. All orders promptly executed and in the best and most substantial manner.
Albany, September 18, 1847. 42tf

Gentlemen's Hats—🎩—Fall Fashion.
GOODWIN & McKINNEY, Hatters, No. 3 Exchange, issued their Fall style of Hats on Saturday, August 28th. They invite the attention of those who want a very elegant and strictly fashionable hat, to their present stock, which cannot be surpassed in this or any other city. 43

A. J. MACDONALD.
Bookbinder,
21 & 2 Commercial Buildings, cor. of Broadway and Hudson st.
67tf ALBANY. N. Y,

To the Ladies.—Ladies if you wish to be suited with Hair work call at H. Bendall's Store on the South west corner of Pearl Street opposite the Dundee Warehouse, You will find the best assortment in the city; his plain Frizzetts are not to be equalled for workmanship and the seams will defy scrutiny of the nicest observer to distinguish them from the natural parting of the hair, and he has also a large assortment of Fancy Goods viz., Bags, Purses, Steel Beeds, Purse Hevilt, worsted, Floss, &c, &c.,
H. B. is principle agent for Phalon's Hair Invigorator. 71 yl.

Dunlap's Hotel, ON THE EUROPEAN PLAN, 136 Fulton-Street, Between Broadway and Nassau, New York, $2. & $2.50 per week. Three Shillings per night. 71 tf.

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For the Million:—WATCHES in all the variety of escapements. Real Jewelry, Diamond, Ruby, Coral, Turquois, Canes, &c. Pure silver ware tea sets, cups, forks, spoons, gold chains, Burt's periscopic spectacles, gold pens, etc. For sale at the usual Wholesale Prices by the single article at No. 14 State st., the only opposition store in the line in this vicinity. The immense quantity manufactured, bought and sold, at this establishment enables the proprietors to hold out such extraordinary inducements, positively from 15 to 30 per cent below the usual prices elsewhere and all warranted, as their goods are of the most reliable quality. Please take our Number, 44 State st.
70tf HOOD & TOBEY, Albany.

☞ **Cheap Millinery,** No 81 1-2 South Pearl Street (opposite T B. Ridder's Tobacco Manufactory) Albany. The subscriber respectfully informs the Public that she has on hand an extensive assortment of Millinery Suitable for the season, consisting of Bonnets, Ribbons, Feathers, French and American Flowers of all kinds, which will be sold at the Cleaned and Repaired to order. Cloak and Dress Making will also be attended to. By her experience and former success in the above business, Mrs. Clark hopes to merit and receive a share of the public patronage. 71m3 R. CLARK.

ANOTHER ASTONISHING CURE.

EVIDENCE INDISPUTABLE.

We call the attention of our readers to the following cure of a chronic disease of the liver, on the person of Mrs. Wand, No 6 Hudson street, Albany, by the use of that popular remedy Herrick's Sugar Coated Pills. Persons interested will please call on the above named Lady and hear for themselves her wonderful cure.

ALBANY Dec. 20, 1847.

To Messrs. Herrick & co.—Gent's; Feeling under deep obligation to you for the benefit I have received from the use of your Sugar Coated Pills, in curing me of a protracted and dangerous disease, induces me to thus publicly have my name appear, hoping, while doing my duty to benefit one or more of my fellow creatures I was attacked eight years since with billous fever which ended in a confirmed disease of the liver. My right side became enlarged, my appetite failed, bowels became inactive, general loss of strength followed, and in short, language cannot express my sufferings for seven long years. After trying three different physicians with no benefit, I became discouraged, thinking there where no hope: A friend urged me to try your pills I got one box they helped me so much, I had another, and have used in all tree boxes, and I feel well and able to work every day. After commencing with the pills I used no other kind of medicine. You may publish this and refer to me.
Yours Mary Wand.

BURROWS & NELLEGAR'S Sarsaparilla.

Albany, January, 1846.

Messrs. BURROWS & NELLEGAR:

Gents.—I have for a long time been troubled with what is called inflammatory rheumatism. I was taken with a severe pain in both shoulders and down to my chest; also, down the back between my shoulder blades; the pain being so intolerable that I could not rest, and for some time I was unable to remove from my bed without assistance. Medical aid was called, but without effecting its object. I was persuaded to use the preparation of Sarsaparilla which has heretofore gained so much popularity, and did so, without effect. I finally was about giving up in despair, when I was persuaded to use your Sarsaparilla. I have used but one bottle and am now entirely and miraculously cured. I would recommend it to the afflicted, believing it to be the best medicine for rheumatics in use.
Yours, &c. EDEN A. HALL.
Sold wholesale and retail at MEDICAL HALL, cor. of South Pearl and Plain sts. at $8 per doz. $4 per half doz.